

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.-5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) ~~The compound according to claim 2 wherein n is 1, 2~~
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(+/-)-3-(trans-3,4-Dimethyl-1-phenethyl-piperidin-4-yl)-benzamide;
(+/-)-3-[1-[2-(4-Methoxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-trans-3,4-dimethyl-piperidin-4-yl]-
benzamide;
(+/-)-3-[1-[2-(2-Methoxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-trans-3,4-dimethyl-piperidin-4-yl]-
benzamide;
(+/-)-3-[1-[2-(3-Methoxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-trans-3,4-dimethyl-piperidin-4-yl]-
benzamide;
(+/-)-3-(trans-3,4-Dimethyl-1-[2-(3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-ethyl]-piperidin-4-yl)-
benzamide;
(+/-)-3-[1-[2-(4-Cyano-phenyl)-ethyl]-trans-3,4-dimethyl-piperidin-4-yl]-benzamide;
(+/-)-3-[1-[2-(3-Bromo-phenyl)-ethyl]-trans-3,4-dimethyl-piperidin-4-yl]-benzamide;
(+/-)-3-[1-[2-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-ethyl]-trans-3,4-dimethyl-piperidin-4-yl]-benzamide;
(+/-)-3-[1-[2-(3-Chloro-phenyl)-ethyl]-trans-3,4-dimethyl-piperidin-4-yl]-benzamide;
(+/-)-3-[1-[2-(3-Cyano-phenyl)-ethyl]-trans-3,4-dimethyl-piperidin-4-yl]-benzamide;
(+/-)-3-[1-[2-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)ethyl]-trans-3,4-dimethyl-piperidin-4-yl]-
benzamide; or
(+/-)-3-[1-(2-Hydroxy-2-phenyl-ethyl)-trans-3,4-dimethyl-piperidin-4-yl]-benzamide;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

7. (currently amended) ~~The compound according to claim 2 wherein R⁴ is OH,~~
~~CH₂OH, NH₂, NHCOCH₃ or CN~~ (+/-)-3-[1-[2-(2-Methoxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-trans-3,4-dimethyl-
piperidin-4-yl]-benzamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

8.-19. (canceled)

20. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 6 or 7 ~~any of claims 1-7 and 9-10~~ in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, excipient or additive.

21. (canceled)

22. (currently amended) A method of treating in a mammal, in need thereof, a ~~disease state, disorder or condition selected from the group consisting of irritable bowel syndrome, constipation, nausea, vomiting, pruritic dermatoses, psoriasis, eczema; an insect bite; an eating disorder, depression, anxiety, schizophrenia; drug addiction, an opioid overdose, sexual dysfunction, stroke, head trauma, traumatic brain injury, spinal damage, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, age-related cognitive decline and Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder~~ which method comprises administering to said mammal an therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 6 or 7 ~~any of claims 1-7 and 9-10 effective in treating said disease state, disorder or condition.~~

23.-29. (canceled)